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Further information on UA 262/96 (ASA 21/75/96, 13 November 1996) - Fear of torture / Health concern / Legal concern and new concern: Torture

EAST TIMOR **Azito Freitas**

and new names: **Evaristo Ximenes**
Aniceto Ximenes
Armindo do Rosario
Manuel
Quintino Imanuel de Cristo

Whilst Amnesty International has received no further information about Azito Freitas, the organization has received the names of five other people arrested in relation to the killing of Sergeant-Major Juliao Fraga, an East Timorese military commander in the Indonesian Armed Forces. All five are being held in police custody and two are reported to have been tortured.

Evaristo Ximenes and Aniceto Ximenes were arrested at midnight on 7 November 1996 in Bui Bau village in the region of Baucau by members of KOSTRAD (Army Strategic Reserve Command). They were taken to the police facility (*Polres*) in the town of Baucau where they are believed to be still held. Two days later, on 9 November, Armindo do Rosario and Manuel were arrested in the same village. They too were taken to the police facility in Baucau were they are reported to have been tortured by the security forces during interrogation.

A fifth person, Quintino Imanuel de Cristo, was called for questioning by the police in Baucau on 17 November in connection with the killing of Sergeant-Major Juliao Fraga. The next day he was arrested by members of *Kopassus* (Special Forces Command) and taken to the *Kopassus* headquarters in Baucau where he is still being held.

It is not known if any of the five have access to legal representatives. Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of all five prisoners.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or in your own language:
- expressing concern at reports that Armindo do Rosario and Manuel have been tortured and seeking assurances that they and the other four detainees, Azito Freitas, Evaristo Ximenes, Aniceto Ximenes, and Quintino Imanuel de Cristo, are now being treated humanely in accordance with international standards;
- urging an impartial inquiry into the torture allegations with a view to bringing any perpetrators to justice;
- calling on the authorities to provide the six prisoners with access to legal counsel of their own choice, access to their families and to members of the International Committee of the Red Cross;
- calling on the authorities to clarify the charges against the six prisoners and to release them if they are being held solely for their peaceful activities.

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Salutation: Dear Major General Rivai

Military Commander Region IX/Udayana
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COPIES TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 January 1997.